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1. AT JULY 17 SPC MEETING, US REP (MOORE) REITERATED US VIEW, STATED AT JULY 3 SPC MEETING (REF A), THAT NO NAC GUIDANCE ON PHASE I  
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REDUCTION COMMITMENTS IS NEEDED AT THIS TIME. HE STATED, PER REF B THAT WITH ADJOURNMENT OF THE NEGOTIATING ROUND IN VIENNA, THERE WAS NO LONGER ANY OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR NAC ACTION AT THIS TIME. THE US THEREFORE BELIEVED THAT THE SPC SHOULD SET THE ISSUE ASIDE UNTIL A LATER DATE.

2. UK REP (SINTON) SAID THAT UK CONTINUED TO BELIEVE NAC GUIDANCE WAS NOT NEEDED AT THIS TIME, AND  
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COULD THEREFORE AGREE WITH THE US PROPOSAL.

3. FRG REP (HOYNCK) SAID FRG CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE, WHICH THE ALLIES NEED TO SETTLE.

THE AHG IN ITS REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE (PARA 9, REF C) STATED THAT THERE IS NO AGREED ALLIANCE POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT. THE OTHER SIDE WILL CERTAINLY COME BACK TO THIS QUESTION, PUTTING THE ALLIES IN THE SAME DIFFICULT POSITION THEY WERE IN EARLY IN THIS NEGOTIATING ROUND. FRG COULD AGREE TO PUTTING THIS QUESTION ASIDE FOR A FEW WEEKS, BUT NOT INDEFINITELY. BELGIAN REP (WILLOT) SAID HE AGREED FULLY WITH FRG REP'S STATEMENT.

4. ACTING CHAIRMAN (PABSCH) SUMMED UP BY NOTING SPC AGREEMENT TO PUT THE SUBJECT ASKDE FOR THE TIME BEING. HE SAID FRG REP WOULD BE SPC'S "CONSCIENCE" AS TO WHEN SPC SHOULD RETURN TO THIS ISSUE.

5. COMMENT: FRG AND BELGIUM AGREED WITH THE REST OF THE SPC ON JULY 3 THAT NAC GUIDANCE IS NOT NEEDED AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, AS MISSION HAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, FRG AND BELGIUM BOTH HAVE WANTED SPC TO CONTINUE WORK ON AN EVENTUAL ALLIED POSITION FOR USE WITH THE EAST AT A LATER, APPROPRIATE TIME. FRG'S INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT RELATES DIRECTLY TO OPTION III. FRB IN ITS PAPER ON DEFINITION OF THE COMMON CEILING IN OPTION III (SEPTTEL) THAT AGREEMENT WITH THE EAST ON THE COMMON CEILING CONCEPT INCLUDE AGREEMENT ON THE COLLECTIVE NATURE OF REDUCTION COMMITMENTS, EXCEPT FOR SOVIET AND AMERICAN REDUCTIONS. WE CAN EXPECT THEREFORE THAT FRG WILL PRESS FOR ALLIED AGREEMENT ON THIS SUBJECT PRIOR TO CONCLUSION OF WORK ON OPTION III. BELGIAN INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT ARISES FROM LONG STANDING BELGIAN BELIEF, ANTEDATING THE DISCUSSION IN VIENNA, THAT ALLIES NEED A POSITION ON PHASE II REDUCTION COMMITMENTS. BRUCE

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